GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3497
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BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any special schemes to cater the needs of the people of the Most Backward Districts inthe country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such Districts in the country, State-wise;

(d) the criteria for the selection of such Most Backward Districts;

(e) whether such Districts are entitled to get any special schemes/funds allocation from the Union Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (f) The Ministry of Rural Development are implementing a range of Programmes and Schemes relating, inter alia, to Self and Wage Employment, Rural Connectivity, Watershed Development, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Rural Housing and the National Social Assistance Programme which are being executed throughout the country, including the backward districts.

A Committee (headed by the then Principal Adviser in the Planning Commission) was constituted in 1997 to, inter-alia, identify the 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. The broad parameters adopted by the Committee to analyze the causes of backwardness, included indicators of deprivation (poverty ratio) and social and economic infrastructure. The Committee identified 100 most backward and poorest districts in the country. A list of these districts is annexed.

The Committee`s Report, alongwith the views/ suggestions received from different States/UTs, has been forwarded to the Planning Commission so that the approach indicated in the Report could be kept in view in the context of formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Annexure as referred to in part (b) to (d) of reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3497 to be answered on 14.8.2001

List of most Backward & Poorest Districts as identified by the Sarma Committee

S.No.	Name of Districts	S.No.	Name of Districts
1	NALANDA	51	SHEORE
2	BHOJPUR	52	RAISEN
3	RANCHI	53	BETUL
4	AURANGABAD	54	HOSHANGABAD
5	JEHANABAD	55	NARSIMHAPUR
6	GAYA	56	MANDLA
7	NAWADA	57	CHHINDWARA
8	SARAN	58	SEONI
9	SIWAN	59	BALAGHAT
10	GOPALGANJ	60	RAJNANDGAON
11	PACHIM CHAMARAN	61	SURGUJA
12	PURBA CHAMPARAN	62	AURANGABAD
13	SITAMARHI	63	JALNA
14	MUZAFFARPUR	64	PARBHANI
15	VAISHALI	65	BEED
16	BEGUSARAI	66	NANDED
17	SAMASTIPUR	67	OSMANABAD
18	DARBHANGA	68	LATUR
19	MADHUBANI	69	BULDANA
20	SAHARSA	70	GADCHIROLI
21	MADHEPURA	71	YAVATMAL

22	PURNIA
23	KATIHAR
24	KHAGARIA
25	MUNGER
26	BHAGALPUR
27	GODDA
28	SAHIBGANJ
29	DUMKA
30	DEOGARH
31	GIRIDIH
32	HAZARIBAGH
33	PALAMAU
34	LOHARDAGGA
35	GUMLA
36	PACHIM SINGHBHUM
37	ARARIA
38	KISHANGANJ
39	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI
40	KAITHAL
41	HAMIRPUR
42	BIDAR
43	TIKAMGARH
44	CHHATARPUR
45	PANNA
46	SAGAR
47	DAMOH
48	KHARGONE
49	KHANDWA
50	VIDISHA
72	PHULBANI
73	KALAHANDI
74	KORAPUT
75	KEONJHAR
76	DUNGARPUR
77	BANSWARA
78	WEST SIKKIM
79	SOUTH SIKKIM
80	SITAPUR
81	HARDOI
82	UNNAO
83	RAE BARELI
84	JALAUN
85	LALITPUR
86	HAMIRPUR
87	BANDA
88	FATEHPUR
89	PRATAPGARH
90	BHARAICH
91	BARABANKI
92	SIDHARTHNAGAR
93	MAHARAJGANJ
94	JHANSI
95	MAU
96	KANPUR DEHAT
97	KOOCH BEHAR
98	JALPAIGURI
99	MALDAH
100	DARJEELING